

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments Claims 47-56 are pending. Claims 28, and 43-46 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 47-54 have been amended. Claims 47-54 have been rewritten as independent claims based on either Claim 28 or Claim 43, respectively. Support for the amendments to claims 47-54 may be found in Claims 1-28 as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants reserve the rights to file continuation or divisional applications directed to the subject matter for all withdrawn/canceled claims. Consideration and allowance of the pending claims is hereby requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowed Claims

The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 47-56.

New Claim Rejections

Withdrawn-Rejections- 35 USC § 103(a)

New-Claim Rejection- 35 USC § 103(a) Obviousness: Vockley *et al.* in view of Clark *et al.* in view of Mehvar *et al.*

The Examiner has rejected Claims 28 and 43-44 under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Vockley *et al.* (Arginase II, US 6,316,199, issue date 11/13/2001) in view of Clark *et al.* (WO 02/44360, publication 6/6/2002) in view of Mehvar *et al.* (J. Pharm. Pharmaceut. Sci., 3(1): 125-136, 2000). The Applicants submit that cancellation of Claims 28 and 43-44 by present amendment moots this rejection. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the above-referenced claims pursuant 35 USC § 103(a).

The Applicants respectfully note that the Office Action designates Claims 45-46 as rejected, however, there appears to be no new rejection of the claims detailed in the action of April 13, 2009.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants present Claims for the Examiners consideration which are drawn to the "allowable" subject matter. In view of the above amendments and remarks this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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